



IFW

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Michitaka OHTAKI et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1753**

Application Number: **10/593,556**

Examiner: **Unassigned**

Filed: **September 20, 2006**

Confirmation Number: **4920**

For: **POROUS THERMOELECTRIC MATERIAL AND PROCESS FOR  
PRODUCING THE SAME**

Attorney Docket Number: **062925**

Customer Number: **38834**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 21, 2007

Sir:

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants direct the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office to the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. This paper is being filed within the time periods set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b). A copy of each non-U.S. document is enclosed herewith.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

**WESTERMAN, HATTORI, DANIELS & ADRIAN, LLP**

Sadao Kinashi

Attorney for Applicants  
Registration No. 48,075  
Telephone: (202) 822-1100  
Facsimile: (202) 822-1111

SK/klf

Enclosures: PTO/SB/08  
Document(s)



(use as many sheets as necessary)

*Complete if Known*

Application Number	10/593,556
Confirmation Number	4920
Filing Date	September 20, 2006
First Named Inventor	Michitaka OHTAKI et al.
Art Unit	<del>1753</del> 1795
Examiner Name	<del>Unassigned</del> K. Salzmann
Attorney Docket Number	062925

Sheet

of

[illegible][illegible]

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city, and/or country where published.	Translation <sup>6</sup>
/K.S./		OHTAKI et al., International Preliminary Report on Patentability of PCT/JP2005/005088 filed March 22, 2005, Japan	

**Examiner Signature**

/Kourtney Salzman/

**Date Considered**

04/07/2009

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov), MPEP 901.04 or in the comment box of this document. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST. 3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to indicate here if English language Translation is attached.